GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4830
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CONTROL OF BORDER AREA
MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been invited to the news-item captioned `Kashmir ke Seemavarti Ilakoan ka Niyantran Mang Rahi hai Sena` appearing in the Lokmat Samachar (Hindi), Nagpur on November 20, 2002;

(b) if so, whether the Government are contemplating to handover the control of border areas to the army; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (c): The Government is aware of the news item, which is factually incorrect and speculative in nature. The Army has made no proposal to take over administrative control of border areas in Jammu & Kashmir.